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SUBJECT:EVENT OF NOTE -- HAUS RISSEN CONFERENCE

1. NEW WEAPONS TECHNOLOGIES, AND THE ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL EFFECTS THEY HAVE UPON EAST-WEST RELATIONS
AND NATO READINESS AND CAPABILITIES WAS THE SUBJECT OF
A FEB 8-10 HAMBURG CONFERENCE CO-SPONSORED BY USIS
HAMBURG AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POLITICS AND
ECONOMICS AT LATTER'S PRESTIGUIOUS HAUS RISSEN.

2. THE EVENT, OF WHICH THE KEYNOTER WAS GENERAL WILLIAM
EVANS, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF USAFE AND ALLIED AIR FORCES
EUROPE, WAS ATTENDED BY FIFTY GERMAN MILITARY AFFAIRS
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EXPERTS, AMONG THEM GENERAL GERD SCHMUECKLE, DEPUTY
COMMANDER OF NATO; MAJOR GENERAL H.W. VON ZUR GATHEN,
COMMANDANT OF THE GERMAN STAFF AND COMMAND COLLEGE;
BERNHARD WOERDEHOFF, PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF NORTH GERMAN
RADIO/TV NETWORK; DIRECTOR DR. MOLDENHAUER FROM AEG-
TELEFUNKEN; PROFESSOR WERNER KALTEFLEITER, OF KIEL
UNIVERSITY; KURT BECKER, DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR OF DIE

ZEIT; RUEDIGER LENTZ, MILITARY EDITOR OF DER SPIEGEL.
FACULTY INCLUDED STEPHEN LUKASIK, VICE PRESIDENT, EX-IM
TECH. INC.; LEON S. FUERTH, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS; BRIG.
GENERAL WILLIAM R. USHER, ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF OF
STAFF FOR OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE, AND JACK W.
MENDELSON, SALT/MBFR ADVISOR TO US MISSION TO NATO.
THE CONFERENCE SUPPORTED CPO II, GE-03, 04, 07.

3. MOST VALUABLE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE FACULTY
AND PARTICIPANTS SEEMED TO BE THE RECOGNITION THAT
GERMANS LACK ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, WHILE AMERICAN EXPERTS OVER-
ESTIMATE THE EUROPEAN CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO CLEARLY
DEFINED ECONOMIC AND MILITARY CHALLENGES. THE CONFERENCE
REAFFIRMED U.S.-WEST EUROPEAN MUTUALITY OF PURPOSE AND
IDENTIFIED SOME PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED WITHIN THE
ALLIANCE.

4. MAJ. GEN. ZUR GATHEN EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION TO
USIS AND REQUESTED CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN
USIS AND THE GERMAN STAFF AND COMMAND COLLEGE. HAUS
RISSEN HIGHLY PLEASED WITH U.S. SUPPORT AND NATIONAL
RECOGNITION STEMMING FROM CONFERENCE.

5. OUR GRATITUDE TO USNATO, STATE, AND USIA/IOP.
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